WE CLAIM:

1. An electrical device connector adapted to couple to a portable electronic device, comprising:

a body having a plurality of conductors terminating at a first interface, a plurality of conductors terminating at a second interface adapted to couple to the portable electronic device;

wherein the device connector is rated at a predetermined power rating, and has a peripheral contoured body portion having a profile being a function of the device connector power rating, the first interface being configured to be connectable to only a power source connector power rated at least as high as the device connector power rating.

2. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the peripheral contoured body portion is disposed about the first interface.

3. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the device connector power rating is commensurate with a power rating of a portable electronic device adapted to be coupled thereto.

4. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the device connector comprises an electrical component establishing the device connector power rating.

5. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the electrical component comprises a resistor.

6. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the device connector contoured body portion has a keyed portion adapted to interfere with a power source connector power rated below the device connector power rating.

7. The electrical device connector as specified in Claim 1 wherein the keyed portion comprises a lobe.

8. In combination: a first connector having a first power rating and having a plurality of conductors terminating at a first interface;

at least one second connector having a respective second power rating and having a plurality of conductors terminating at a respective second interface, wherein each of the second connectors has a third interface adapted to couple to a portable electronic device;

wherein the first interface is shaped so as to mechanically and electrically couple to each of the second connector second interfaces, such that only those second connectors having a power rating at or below the power rating of the first connector can be coupled thereto.

9. The combination as specified in Claim 8 wherein the second connectors second interfaces are shaped such that they are backward compatible with the first connector.

10. The combination as specified in Claim 8 wherein the first connector first interface is shaped such that it is backward compatible with the plurality of second connectors.

11. The combination as specified in Claim 8 wherein the first interface is a socket and the second interfaces are plugs.

12. The combination as specified in Claim 8 wherein the first interface is a plug and the second interfaces are sockets.